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Whoever I am writing this letter of protest concerning Center Ridge Water District : Marguerite Blvd. ,
New Concord/Hamlin, Ky.

I have been living here for 8 years now. When I first got here the water was raised only one time and I think that was 25 cents. For years I had been paying \$19.22. All of a sudden, I got a form letter from them saying I now had to pay \$26.83.

Some say no sense in telling my problems as no one would be concerned about that, but I am going to anyhow. I am 65 years of age with Diabetes and a lot of other problems/health. I live on \$694.00 SS.

Recently the pittance food stamps I was getting amount of \$78.00 got decreased to \$68.00. Now this increase.

Same old story the poor and elderly pay before anyone else does....ones who can not afford it. I live in a little old trailer home. I know I am not the only one who lives here on a low SS. Amount to live on. Not all of us here are rich enough that would not bother us.

Every time the electric goes out, and can last for a week or MORE, also I have no water. Costly to go buy water. I keep some bleach jugs filled, dated and under my sink, but no room to store a weeks worth of those. I feel the Water Dept. here should have had a generator long ago so if we did have to go without water, at least we could sponge bath . drink and eat and clean ourselves up. ^{ELEC}

I think everyone would have been o.k. with a dollar increase or even \$ 2.00, and while not being liked , folks could say well o.k. to that but this is absurd , this much of a jump in our bills.

Also the water is out frequently even if there are no storms. The last year or so I have to say they have really done good getting to the problem as fast as they can. I like the couple real well, but I feel this is excessive greed. Or else why didn't they raise it a dollar every couple of years or something reasonable like that?

P. S. Hope you can read this o.k.,
As you can see, I can not
afford ink either.

Sincerely,

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